

can treat us fairly and reasonably, and not overlook the significance, value and functions we represent.

Some say that it is impossible for us to break out of the diplomatic isolation we face, but we will do our utmost to "demand the impossible." Ultimately, I know that the world will come to realize that the Republic of China on Taiwan is a friendly and capable partner for progress!

If we view the recent economic, political and social developments in the ROC in this light, we have a basis for defining the status of my country in the post-Cold War and post Communist era. Only in this way can we propose a new direction for the new world order as we enter the 21st century.

CLOSE TRADITIONAL TIES

I want to once again express how grateful I am to be with you. My gratitude extends not only to Cornell but also to the United States as a whole. When we look back in history, we can immediately realize how close the traditional ties between our two countries are. Indeed, our shared ideals for human dignity, and peace with justice have united our two peoples in the closest of bonds.

The United States was extremely helpful in the early stages of Taiwan's economic development. We have never forgotten America's helping hand in our hour of adversity, so your nation occupies a special place in our hearts. Today, as the 6th largest trading partner of the United States, the Republic of China imports and exports US\$42.4 billion worth of goods through our bilateral trade. We also are the number two buyer of US treasury notes. About thirty-eight thousand students from Taiwan are studying in the United States. Students who have returned have made important contributions to our society.

The Republic of China's development has been partly influenced by the experiences of its people while studying abroad. I gained substantial know-how in the mechanics of national growth and development from the faculty and students I worked with here in America at both schools where I studied. I had the chance to see democracy at its best in the United States, and to observe its shortcomings as well. We in Taiwan believe that we have much to learn from an advanced democracy such as the United States; however, we also believe we should develop our own model. The success of our democratic evolution has provided tremendous hope for other developing nations, and we wish to share our experience with them. Our efforts to help others through agricultural development have been well received, and we are eager to expand our technical assistance programs to friendly nations in the developing world.

Taiwan has grown from an agricultural exporting economy to a leading producer of electronics, computers and other industrial goods. We are "paving the information highway" with disk drives, computer screens, laptop computers and modems. We are poised to become a major regional operations center as well as to buy more American products and services to develop our infrastructure.

We stand ready to enhance the mutually beneficial relations between our two nations. It is my sincere hope that this visit will open up new opportunities for cooperation between our two countries.

It is for this reason that I want to publicly express my appreciation and admiration to President Clinton for his statesman-like decision. We are equally grateful to others in the administration, to the bipartisan leadership in Congress, and to the American people.

ALWAYS IN MY HEART

Whatever I have done as president of my nation, I have done with the people in my heart. I have thought long and hard about what my people want, and it is clear that most of all, they desire democracy and development. These wishes are no different than those of any other people on this planet, and represent the direction in which world trends will certainly continue.

As I have spoken to you today, I have done so with the people in my heart. I know that what my people would like to say to you now can be expressed by this simple message:

The people of the Republic of China on Taiwan are determined to play a peaceful and constructive role among the family of nations.

We say to friends in this country and around the world:

We are here to stay;

We stand ready to help;

And we look forward to sharing the fruits of our democratic triumph.

The people are in my heart every moment of the day. I know that they would like me to say to you, that on behalf of the 21 million people of the Republic of China on Taiwan, we are eternally grateful for the support—spiritual, intellectual and material—that each of you has given to sustain our efforts to build a better tomorrow for our nation and the world. In closing, I say God bless you, God bless Cornell University, God bless the United States of America, and God bless the Republic of China.

Thank you very much.

CONGRATULATIONS LEXINGTON, LEDFORD, AND ANDREWS BASKETBALL TEAMS

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 1995

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, before we bring this year's basketball season to a close, I must say a few words about three basketball teams in my congressional district. The Sixth District of North Carolina was fortunate enough this year to have three high school squads capture State championships.

We are proud that Lexington High School of Davidson County won the boys' 2-A championship, Ledford High School also of Davidson County won the girls' 2-A championship, and High Point Andrews High School of Guilford County won the boys' 3-A championship.

On Saturday, March 25, 1995, two Davidson County high schools captured North Carolina basketball titles. The Lexington boys and Ledford girls won their respective State 2-A championships. Let's begin with the Lexington Yellow Jackets, a team many people did not think could win a championship this year.

Lexington finished third in the Carolina Conference with a 22-9 record. The Yellow Jackets were playing the title game against the 27-1 Whiteville Wolfpack, considered to be the best 2-A team in the State. Lexington won the title game with a thrilling 69-67 victory when center Bernard McIntosh followed his own missed free-throw attempt with a putback basket at the buzzer. McIntosh, who scored 28 points and pulled down 12 rebounds in the game was named MVP of the game which was played at the Dean Smith Center in Chapel Hill.

The Wolfpack coach told the Lexington Dispatch that the loss to the Yellow Jackets was

hard to believe. "We thought we were going to win the State title," Wolfpack coach Glenn McKay told the Davidson County newspaper. "I guess we still have something to work for next year. Hey, Lexington has a real fine ball club. My hat goes off to them."

Our hats go off to all of the members of the Yellow Jacket basketball squad. Congratulations to head coach Michael Gurley and his assistant coaches Robert Hairston and Jim Snyder. Congratulations are extended to every member of the team: Courtney Adams, Chad Griffith, Vince Williams, LeMar Hargrave, Rocke Shivers, Jason Zimmerman, Chad Walker, Antonio Threadgill, Marcus Hargrave, Toy Cade, Martin Saddler, Bernard McIntosh, J.D. Harris, Bert Davis, Chad Hearst, and Todric Jenkins.

As with every successful endeavor, the new champions could not have achieved what they did without a great supporting cast. A tip of the cap is in order for administrative assistant coaches Ellen Garner and Heather Gurley, student assistant coach Paul Lyon, managers Rick Conner, Tyrone McCandies, Michael Evans, Jake Rowe, and Josh Lovell and mascot Hayden Gurley. Three cheers for cheerleading director Ginger Fritts and her squad of cheerleaders: Antionette Kerr, Carsha Cravon, Angie Harris, Heather Cox, Tory Wilson, Emily Halverson, and Tamika Anderson.

To Principal Ashley Hinson, Athletic Director West Lamoureux, the faculty, staff, students, families, and friends of Lexington High School, we offer our congratulations on winning the North Carolina 2-A high school boys' basketball championship.

The other Davidson County high school to win a State basketball title this year was the Lady Panthers of Ledford High School of Thomasville, NC. On March 25, the Lady Panthers traveled to Chapel Hill to play in Carmichael Auditorium and capture the girls' 2-A crown with a 65-60 win over Southwest Guildord, another Sixth District high school.

Head Coach John Ralls told the Thomasville Times that it was the third straight game of the playoffs that his team used a timely last-minute drive to seal the victory. "That's hitting the nail on the head," Ralls told the Thomasville newspaper. "They had poise and composure under pressure . . . and lots of pressure, especially (tonight). They just handled themselves well and did the things they had to do to win." That included turning to a youngster for leadership—when needed. Freshman Stacey Hinkle was named MVP for her 15-point performance in the title contest.

Congratulations to Coach Ralls and his assistant coaches Joe Davis and Allen Patterson. In addition to Hinkle, the freshman MVP, every member of the Lady Panther team can equally share this year's championship: Ruth Armstrong, Laurie Smith, Kelly Thomas, Quinn Homesley, Amy Wells, Amanda Reese, Misty Sharp, Ginger Cox, Sara Day, Courtney Patterson, Marcy Newton, and Tracie New. Strong support was given to the Lady Panthers throughout the year by manager Sarah Hester, video manager Aaron Kindley, statistician Zac Herrmann, and scorekeeper Shelly Barrett.

This is the second time Coach Ralls has led the Lady Panthers to a State title. In 1991, Ledford High School won the State softball crown. Coach Ralls told the Thomasville Times, "It's kinda neat. I really like it. I mean

whatever sport you're coaching in that's what you're working for—to try to get your team to win a state championship. So, it's something we wanted to do." This year's Lady Panthers finished their championship season with a record of 29–3. Over the past five basketball seasons, Coach Ralls has guided the Ledford girl hoopsters to a 113–27 record, an 80.7 winning percentage.

Congratulations to Principal Max Cole, Athletic Director Gary Hinkle, the faculty, staff, students, families, and friends of Ledford High School for joining with Lexington High School to make sure that the State's 2–A basketball championship trophies reside within the boundaries of Davidson County.

The third high school in the Sixth District to win a basketball championship this year was T. Wingate Andrews High School of High Point, NC. On March 25, the Red Raiders dominated Wake Forest-Rolesville High School 71–51 to secure the State boys' 3–A basketball championship.

Andrews thoroughly dominated a Rolesville team that entered the title contest on—as its name implies—a roll. The Cougars had won their previous 20 contests this season and have won six State titles over the years. But at the Dean Smith Center in Chapel Hill this year, the Cougars couldn't even score for the first 4 minutes 40 seconds of the contest against the Red Raiders of Andrews.

"We had a lot of support," Andrews Head Coach Robert Clemons told the Greensboro News & Record, "the kids played hard and we won this thing. I feel relieved. I put a lot of pressure on myself. Our administration, they were very supportive. They didn't put any pressure on me. I did it all myself. And then I just put the responsibility on the kids and they responded well."

That may be the understatement of the year. I am sure that Coach Clemons will be the first to say it was a total team effort, but special mention must be made of championship MVP David Wall who led all scorers with 20 points. Each Red Raider, however, played a vital role in the title drive for Andrews. Congratulations are given to Torrey Bright, Jason Blackwood, Antwan Hilton, Cory Dawkins, Jimmy Mangum, Marcus Wilson, Cardise Reed, Brian Gane, Quincey Dixon, B.J. Rogers, Rico Leach, J.J. McQueen, and Steve Myers for bringing home the trophy.

In addition to Coach Clemons we offer our thanks to assistant coaches Myron Grimes and Dana Conte and scorekeeper Liz Kimbro for their efforts during the run to the top. Congratulations to Principal Jerry Hairston, Athletic Director Sue Shinn, the faculty, staff, students, families and friends of T. Wingate Andrews for capturing the State 3–A boys' basketball championship.

North Carolina is known as a basketball hotbed. Thanks to Lexington, Ledford, and Andrews, those of us who call the Sixth District home can truthfully say that we are at the center of the North Carolina basketball universe.

POSTHUMOUS TRIBUTE TO MR. DEWEY W. KNIGHT

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 1995

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida and I rise to pay tribute to Dade County's quintessential leader, the late Dewey W. Knight. His untimely demise last Wednesday, June 21, 1995, is indeed a great loss for our community, and for all in south Florida.

Mr. Dewey was indeed a delicately drawn character of honest leadership whose power and influence contributed to the transformation of Dade County into the cultural and racial mosaic that it is. Although he lived within the ambience of power, he did not lose his common touch with the common folks from Miami's Liberty City, teaching them the rudiments of government and personal responsibility.

From the sweat of his brow he subsequently earned the financial wherewithal to live comfortably in suburbia. But he chose to stay put in his innercity abode for more than 36 years. Underneath a tree by his home, he held court for the ordinary folks who came and shared with him their problems and concerns, as well as their hopes and dreams. Virtually, he became the innercity's government-in-action par excellence.

Born in Daytona Beach into a home of accomplished Black professionals, he learned early on the basics of honest living, from his grandfather who became Florida's first Black police officer. In the 1930's his lawyer-uncle served in President Franklin Roosevelt's administration. Another uncle spearheaded the Nation's first Black radio station in Atlanta, while an aunt became New York's first Black woman judge.

The years of segregation burdened by the onerous separate-but-equal doctrine molded his character so deeply. He pursued his college education at Bethune-Cookman College after which he volunteered to serve in the U.S. Air Force. Having given his share of service to the Nation, he sought to get his master's degree in social work due to his immense love and caring for children.

It is this compassionate trait that he brought with him when he came to Miami to live for good. Working through the ranks he succeeded immensely in every endeavor, until he was appointed assistant, then deputy county manager. Subsequently after that, his superiors called upon his wisdom and expertise to serve twice as interim county manager until a permanent successor could be named.

Although he was offered the top job many times, he did not court the pump and glamour that came with it. By then he was already imbued with the more enduring respect and camaraderie from his Liberty City neighbors. He opted to retire in 1989, relishing to serve from time to time as a consultant to both government and business.

While his leadership style charmed the mighty and the powerful in county politics and the business elite, he never lost his common-sense approach to government. He played an

eloquent, memorable role during the 1980 riots in Miami in a manner evoking a calm but forceful leadership that comes once in a lifetime. He always projected the subtle serenity of maintaining the grace and insight of an old pro. He was indeed a class act, and his personality will cast a giant shadow of void among those he left behind. His presence was at once endlessly fascinating and entirely unforgettable.

We have since learned from him that common people convinced of their role in ameliorating the lives of their fellow human beings are in a better position to shift the balance of power-sharing and coalition-building much more so that those who hold the reins of government. Communitality of interests, he advocated, should begin with our doing away with any negative perceptions we have with one another. Any overt or covert suggestion of any form of subtle superiority or inferiority by the one ethnic group over another should never be entertained if we are to bridge the gaps that divide us.

We are touched by his most cogent exhortations during the many community meetings he spearheaded to resolve the ethnic-racial tensions which were then gripping Miami. He would unabashedly state over and over again that living in harmony with each other does not rest in resolutions or promises alone. It ultimately lies in the hearts and minds of common, ordinary folks.

He sought to embolden us into believing that the problems and the opportunities of diversity in any given urban community are not beyond the reach of those who are willing to share the fruits of success won for us by those who came from generations past. He took a bold stand by moving our community to live together in harmony sensitive to our diversity on one hand, and yet strengthened by the power that emanates from it on the other.

"E Pluribus Unum * * *" From many, we are one. This is the American way, he urged us. His enduring legacy to our community is indeed forever etched in our covenant with one another. We shall miss him so. But we are blessed that his noble presence graced our lives.

COMMENDING THE MEMBERS OF LA SIERRA UNIVERSITY

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 1995

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I commend the members of the La Sierra University chapter of Students In Free Enterprise [SIFE] for winning the 1995 International Championship at the SIFE International Exposition in Kansas City, MO, May 19.

The students brought back six giant trophies and \$7,500 for their championship title and for their win in four special competitions: Success 200, Halt the Deficit, G.E. Foundation "Teaching America to Compete," and Best In-Depth Education.

This year's presentation team consists of eight students: Andy Wongworawat, Redlands; John-Patterson (J-P) Grant, Newbury Park; Heidi Serena, Long Beach; Maria Lafser, Escondido; Patria Wise, Calmesa; Tamara Talbot, Redlands; Steve Taggart, Colton; and